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EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder. Expected May 2026.

Concentrations: American Politics, Political Methodology
Dissertation: Exploring Political Parasocial Relationships in the Digital Age

MA, Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder. 2022.

MA, Political Science, University of Colorado Denver. 2019.

BA, English Literature, University of California, Irvine. 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

Register, Samantha. (2025) "Red, Blue, and Going for Gold: Partisan Support for Olympic Host Bids." *Urban Affairs Review*, 61(2), 348-374.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Substantive: American Political Behavior, Campaigns and Elections, Gender and Politics, Political Communication, State and Urban Politics

Methodological: Survey Design and Methodology, Text as Data

WORKING PAPERS

"Pantsuits and Pearls: Exploring News Coverage of Candidate Appearance and Gender" (Under Review)

"Who Claims Fraud? State Legislators' Voter Fraud Claims in the 2020 Election" (with Srinivas Parinandi and Alexandra Siegel) (Under Review)

"Who's Engaging in Political Discussions on Social Media? Comparing the Effects of Self-Monitoring and Moral Certainty" (Under Review)

"Better Understanding the Political Dynamics of the God Gap" (with Janet M. Box-Steffensmeier, Anand Sokhey, and Natalie Thacher)

"Public Opinion on Age and Holding Federal Office" (with Anand Sokhey, Katie Glenn, and Stone Neilon)

"The Partisan Dynamics of Electoral College Support" (with Anand Sokhey and Katie Glenn)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado Boulder (Undergraduate):

PSCI 3021: U.S. Campaigns and Elections (Instructor of Record, online asynchronous). Summer 2024.

PSCI 3011: The American Presidency and the Executive Branch (Instructor of Record). Fall 2023.

PSCI 1101: Introduction to American Politics (Teaching Assistant). Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

PSCI 2075: Quantitative Research Methods (Teaching Assistant). Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2025.

Methods Lab Coordinator. Fall 2024.

University of Colorado Denver (Undergraduate):

Introduction to American Politics (Teaching Assistant). Fall 2019.

Women's Rights, A Global Perspective (Teaching Assistant). Fall 2018.

Additional teaching interests: American Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Survey Design and Analysis, State and Urban Politics

FUNDING AND RESEARCH AWARDS

Summer Dissertation Completion Fellowship. University of Colorado Graduate School. 2025.

McLauren Futures Family Fellowship. University of Colorado Graduate School. 2025.

Gambill Graduate Student Award. University of Colorado. 2025.

Graduate Student Award. Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences. 2024.

Graduate Research Grant. CU Department of Political Science. 2024.

Graduate Student Award. Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences. 2023.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Kenneth Bickers, CU Boulder. Summer 2023.

Research Assistant for John Griffin, CU Boulder. Summer 2022.

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

R Studio, LaTeX

RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Public Opinion on Age and Holding Federal Office" (with Anand Sokhey, Katie Glenn, and Stone Neilon). Front Range Political Science Association, Denver, CO. May 2025.

"Political Parasocial Relationships: Updating Richard Fenno's Home Style for the Digital Age." Women in Legislative Studies Virtual Meeting. April 2025.

"Not Me, Us: Political Parasocial Relationships in the Digital Age." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2025.

"Home Style 2.0: Political Parasocial Relationships in the Digital Age." American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA. September 2024.

"Does Potential for Public Spending Decrease Support for Olympic Host Bids?" Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 2024.

"Who Claims Fraud? State Legislators' Voter Fraud Claims in the 2020 Election" (with Srinivas Parinandi and Alexandra Siegel). American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, CA. August 2023.

"Insecure Majorities on Social Media." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2023.

"Who's Engaging in Political Discussions on Social Media? Comparing the Effects of Self-Monitoring and Moral Certainty." Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2022.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

"Colorado Political Climate Survey 2024 Report." American Politics Research Lab Survey, University of Colorado Boulder, November 2024.

"A Public Affair Election Panel." KGNU Community Radio, August 2024.

"Study looks into politics behind hosting the Olympics." *9News Denver*, July 2024.

SERVICE

Research Mentor to Undergraduate Students, Institute of Behavioral Science STUDIO Lab. 2024-2026.

Reviewer, *Legislative Studies Quarterly.* 2025.

Reviewer, *Urban Affairs Review.* 2025.

Graduate Teaching Program Lead, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Colorado Boulder. 2024-2025.

President, Graduate Students in Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder. 2024-2025.

Advisory Committee, Institute of Behavioral Science STUDIO Lab. 2024.

Comprehensive Exams Student Liaison, Graduate Students in Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder. 2023-2024.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

REFERENCES

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